जिसके अन्तर्गत फूड कार्पोरेशन काम करती है । हमारा यह कोई व्यापारिक संगठन नहीं है, यह वैलफेयर संगठन है । . . . (व्यवधान) आप जरा सुनिए ।

श्री सभापति : इनका सवाल वैगंज के बारे में है । . . . (व्यवधान)

श्री नाथू राम मिर्धा : मैं बता रहा हूं, इन्होंने कहा कि खुले में कितना ट्रांसपोर्ट करते हैं और बंद में कितना करते हैं और इन्होंने एक जो नैक्स्ट सवाल किया मैंने कहा कि वैगज गुम हैं उसका मुझे ज्ञान नहीं है ।

श्री सभापति : बाद में उनके पास जवाब भेज दीजिएगा ।

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, one of the reasons why the loss is taking place is inadequate space. I would like to know from the Minister what percentage of grains is having adequate facility for storing and how much of it is now under the coverage of tarpaulin etc. Therefore, what steps will be taken by the Government to increase the space by which loss can be checked?

श्री सभापति : मिर्धा जी, वह जानना चाहते हैं कि आपका कितना स्टोरेज है और बाहर कितना रखना पड़ता है और क्या आप इसमें स्टैप्स ले रहे हैं कि वह खराब न हो ।

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Next question, Sir.

श्री नाथू राम मिर्धा : 1986–87 में कवर्ड स्टोरेज था 12.52 लाख और दूसरा में बता रहा हूं "कैप" में था सिर्फ 13, तो परसेंटेज लगा लो । मैं माल की क्वांटिटी बता रहा हूं और फिर और साल का सुन लीजिए । यह तो ओन में था और हायरड में बता देता हूं । हायरड में 99.44 था कवर्ड में "कैप" में 35.67, यह हायरड है और यह मैंने बताया कि 1986–87 तथा 1987–88 116.20 लाख टन ओन में, 79.21 हायरड में, कैप में था और 12 और 34, जो खुला था । 1988–89 इट वाज 110 इन ओन । . . . (व्यवधान)

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: What about Bofors? We want a discussion on Bofors.

श्री सभापति : आप जवाब देने दीजिए । आप डिस्टर्ब नहीं करते तो खत्म हो जाता ।

श्री नाथू राम मिर्धा : अभी मेरे पास सारे फिगर्स हैं, अगर आप सुनना चाहें तो सुना दूं ।

श्री सभापति : टेबल पर रखिए ।

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Dilatory tactics.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Dilatory tactics.

श्री अश्विनी कुमार : माननीय सभापति महोदय, मेरा निवेदन है कि इस विषय पर क्वश्चन नंबर 29 भी है । इसी विषय पर 29 भी है इसलिए दोनों को कृपया साथ जोड़ने का कष्ट किया जाए ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: They are different.

Commission paid by AB Bofors in 155 MM Howitzer Gun Deal

*25. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government since December 1, 1989 to find out the names of the recipients of commission paid by AB Bofors in the sale of the 155mm howitzer gun, and

(b) by which date Government are likely to have all the details in this regard?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) The investigations which had been initiated are being pursued. Swiss authorities have been requested on 12-12-1989 to expeditiously furn-

ish certain inofrmation. Other possible steps are being reviewed, and the inquiries are being expedited.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: The whole country is intrigued by the loss of fervour of this new Government in finding out who got the Bofors bribe. In fact, one newspaper, *The Tribune*, has even speculated that because one of the Cabinet Ministers of the new Government might be involved, the fervour of the new Government seems to have gone. In fact, Sir, you should be protecting my interest. The answer is so vague. I would like to know from the Government whether they have any deadline by which they will be able to tell us who got the illegal bribe in the Bofors case. During the elections campaign and earlier they maintained that it will be done in fifteen days. Now it is beyond fifteen days. I would like to know whether this Government is prepared to tell this Parliament by which date they will be able to tell us—give us a rough idea—about who got the Bofors bribe and will not hesitate even if a Member of the Cabinet is sharer in the loot.

AN HON. MEMBER: You ask your Congress friends.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: I will ask you also. I am asking both.

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: Considering the overall conduct of the Bofors, the Government has decided to debar Bofors from entering into contract with us for future supply of weapons. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hear the answer. What is this? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: Sir, my Government has decided to debar the Bofors from entering into contract with us for future supply of weapons and weapon systems till they satisfy us in their conduct in regard to the 155 m.m. Howitzer gun deal. This covers supply of names of recipients and return of money paid in regard to Bofors gun transactions. This shows there is no lack of enthusiasm. We are determined. There is no question of compromise on anything. We will do everything to get the names and come to the truth.

If the hon. Member is more specific and if he wants time, and if you allow, I am ready to share with the House the information that I have till now. And if time is extended to satisfy Mr. Subramanian Swamy, I am prepared for it. We are not avoiding the question. We will face the question and I have got much more information, if the Chair allows. It is relevant how we came to it. Mr. Arun Singh, the then Minister of State for Defence in his note to the then Prime Minister said on 4th June... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: He is avoiding to talk of the latest note of last Government. It is that Government... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Only a few minutes ago they wanted a reply and now... (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Subramanian Swamy.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: If the Prime Minister agrees, let there be a half-an-hour discussion on this.

12.00 Noon

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: On June 4th a meeting was held in PMO. They were informed...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: You please agree to half-an-hour discussion on this because they took 20 minutes on the "financial losses to the Food Corporation of India" question. That is why prevarication.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): It is the convention of the House that when the Minister is already reading out, he cannot be stopped in between. Let him complete.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Let him complete... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Paper to be laid on the Table.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Let the Prime Minister be allowed to complete.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: When he is reading he should complete it. That is the convention of this House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, the decision of the Chair is final... (*Interruptions*)...

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: You can take precedents. When the Minister is replying, he has to complete the sentence.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Papers to be laid on the Table... (*Interruptions*)...Question Hour is over.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: I know that. That is why I am raising a point of order. My point of order is this, the ruling party has no moral right to say now that he should be allowed to speak because they took 20 minutes on the Food Corporation of India question... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is not a point of order.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: The point of order is they have no moral right... (*Interruptions*)...You allow a half-an-hour discussion on this question.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: I am on a point of order.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Papers to be laid on the Table. Prof. Madhu Dandavate.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: If you want half-an-hour discussion, you write to the Chairman, we will support you.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: I am asking.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: You write.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will examine it... (*Interruptions*)...I will decide it.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: We want a short duration discussion... (*Interruptions*)...Right now, we want a half-an-hour discussion.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : सभापति जी, मेरा एक सुझाव है ... **(व्यवधान)** क्वेश्चन अवर खत्म हो गया .. **(व्यवधान)** आप प्रधान मंत्री जी से कह सकते हैं कि वह आज सदन में आकर इस बारे में पूरा विवरण रखें, एक बयान दें ।

श्री सभापति : हम बात करेंगे ।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : यह प्रधान मंत्री जी कर सकते हैं .. **(व्यवधान)**

श्री सभापति : हम बात कर सकते हैं ।

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: I am on a point of order. Let the Prime Minister make a statement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, your point of order will be heard only about Papers to be laid on the Table and nothing else.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: We just heard from the Prime Minister's half completed sentence that Mr. Arun Singh, former Defence Minister had written a letter to the erstwhile Prime Minister...

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is not a point of order. Without my permission, nothing will go on record... (*Interruptions*)...No.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: I am on a point of order. (*Interruptions*)....

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have disallowed it. My right is to decide. That cannot be questioned. I have decided. I have decided. Now, Papers to be laid on the Table. Nothing about the Question Hour... (*Interruptions*)... Why are you wasting the time?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: The Prime Minister or any Minister had to complete his sentence since... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Sentence was complete.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: No, No. It was not complete... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: This should be the property of the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, there is a difference in completing a sentence and completing a total statement. These are the two things. The sentence completion has been permitted. It was only after that, after a few seconds had passed, then I said, Question Hour is over. (*Interruptions*) Now, so far as further discussion on the question is concerned, some ask for short duration discussion and some others say, half-an-hour. We will sit and decide about it. What is there? There is no problem. Let us not waste time on these things. (*Interruptions*) .

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: But they should not bring in the Food Corporation of India. (*Interruptions*). After having wasted twenty minutes on the Food Corporation of India... (*Interruptions*)...All the answers are available.... (*Interruptions*)...

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Sir, Incidentally, I may quote. I myself in the other House had read out statements by way of reply and even after 12 o'clock, I was allowed to complete them. This is the precedent. But, you, in your wisdom... (*Interruption*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Prof. Dandavate, so far as this is concerned, I have also been a Member of this House and the other House and I have also presided here and my regislative experience is only 30 years and a few month and I have studied the whole subject and I hope that I have understood something of it, having studied it in the University of Cambridge also. On this very subject, I have written a review based on May's Parliamentary Practice and you also know that the fundamental thing is that the Chair's decision is final. That is one thing I know from long experience. Anybody else's saying, I would have understood. But your question-in the Chair is something which cannot be understood. (*Interruption*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, Mr. Yashwant Sinha and I have asked for a discussion on this today itself. The Prime Minister is also agreeable. Please grant it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will decide it in my Chamber. I have told you. (*Interruption*).

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I wish to make it clear because you should not misunderstand. I am the last man to disrespect the Chair. I have only said that you, in your wisdom, have decided and I accept it. But I only quoted my own experience. That is all right. My experience is absolutely nil as compared to your experience.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no. Yours is very long. I know. I have only 11 years in the Lok Sabha and 19 years in the Assembly.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Sir, it should not go on record that I have challenged your ruling. I have said, you, in your wisdom, have given the ruling and I accept it. There is no question.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Navodaya Vidyalayas

*23. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 92 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th July, 1989 and state:

(a) whether about 256 Navodaya Vidyalayas had been established in various States/Union Territories which were pace-setter and were established to serve the talented children, largely from the rural areas; and

(b) if so, what is the performance of these schools in each State and what is the percentage of children from the rural areas in these schools, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Performance of these schools has not been evaluated. State-wise percentage of children from rural areas in Navodaya Vidyalayas is presented below: